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SEA CLAIMS TORRANCE MAN

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think about requiring persons accused of serious crimes, murder, rape, armed robbery, etc., to take a lie detector test?" the Pennies inquirer asked persons in front of the Magic Chef Super Market in the Del Amo Shopping Center.

S. A. Alberti, 3314 Antonio St.

"I think it's a good idea as far as I'm concerned. Whether this lie detector device will actually give you what you want is another thing."

Bill Hinton, 20404 Anza

"I think it's a good idea. There's nothing wrong with it if they are not guilty. I don't think they have the lie detectors perfected enough but as long as it helps somebody it's ok."

Jerry Wagner, 20404 Anza

"No. I don't approve requiring it because it's unconstitutional. The accuracy of them may be fairly good, but I don't think any machine should be able to prove a man guilty."

Mrs. Donald Sullivan, Redondo Beach

"I think it is requiring a person to testify against himself and it goes against the fifth amendment. If they want to declare their own innocence and take the test, it's ok."

John Wise, 2157 W. 245th St.

"I think it would be ok if the machine was absolutely accurate and foolproof. If the machine couldn't make a mistake, then no rights would be violated."

Club Reserves Bus

The Lions Club has reserved a bus which will leave Torrance City Hall at 11:45 a.m. Sunday to transport Lions and guests to the Dodgers-Angels exhibition baseball game. Ticket price for game and transportation is \$3.50.

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Mutual Firm To Be Added To City Line

Negotiations which have extended over a period of more than five years were climaxed Tuesday evening with the approval of the City Council for an agreement to purchase the Moneta Water Co. system at a total cost of \$86,267.

Approval of the agreement came after City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer explained the ramifications of the three-party

negotiations which will end with the Ocean View Development Co. acquiring title to the land and cash assets of Moneta and the city getting the water lines and pumping rights.

Top Defense Aide to Lead City Parade

Norman S. Paul, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower, has accepted the invitation to be grand marshal of the Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade and principal speaker of the parade luncheon May 18.

The announcement was made by Fred Rathert, parade general chairman, of the Ryan Aeronautical Co.

Rathert said that this, the fourth annual Armed Forces Day Parade for Torrance, promises to be even greater than last year's record showing which made it the largest civic-sponsored parade in Southern California.

Signs indicate that this will undoubtedly be the biggest military parade this year west of the Rocky Mountains," Rathert said, "and probably the greatest civic-sponsored parade in the entire West."

"We feel very honored to have Assistant Secretary Paul accept our invitation. And I can assure you that Torrance is going all-out to make him welcome on Armed Forces Day, May 18."

The Torrance parade will climax Armed Forces Week activities for the greater Los Angeles area.

SETTLEMENT of the long negotiations for the sum of \$86,267 was hailed as an outstanding victory for the city.

When negotiations first started, an independent appraiser put the value of the Moneta holdings at \$600,000 for property only and \$800,000 if water rights were included. A later offer to the city quoted a price of \$250,000 for the water rights, and subsequent negotiations led to the agreement approved by the city this week for the substantially reduced figure.

"It's a bargain for everyone concerned," Remelmeyer commented on the pact.

THE MONETA Water Co., pioneer mutual water firm serving North Torrance areas, parts of Gardena and unincorporated county areas, has its principal offices at 182nd Street and Arlington Avenue.

Ocean View Development has 45 days to acquire Moneta stock, according to the agreement, and will offer clear title to the water rights as soon as it has made the acquisition.

Addition of the lines to the city's water system could come as soon as early June, the city attorney indicated.



NARROW ESCAPE . . . Pilot Jimmy D. Lacy (near plane at left) and passenger James F. Guzman survey plight after their light plane slammed through the outfield fence at a Little League ball park on 247th Street north of the airport Saturday afternoon. Officials were told that winds caused the craft to veer to the right on take-off, a wing clipping a flagpole at the edge of the ball field. (Herald Photo)

Airplane Crashes

A light airplane crashed Saturday afternoon shortly after taking off from the Torrance Airport.

Suffering minor injuries was the pilot, Jimmy D. Lacy, 26, of 507 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, and a passenger, James F. Guzman, 20, Long Beach. Both men crawled from the wreckage.

The airplane, being blown by wind, struck a flag pole at a Little League baseball field and nosed over into a wooden fence surrounding the baseball field. It flipped over on its back before coming to rest.

The mishap occurred north of the airport and west of Crenshaw Boulevard on 247th Street. The plane received major damage to the engine, prop, fuselage, wing and tail section, police said.

School Club in Drive for Toys

In a little more than a week students in the Medical Club at Torrance High School collected about 100 toys for the pediatrics ward at Harbor General Hospital.

The students conducted a peanut sale at the school to obtain money for two toy chests which were delivered with the toys to the hospital early this week.

Collection of the toys has been just one of the club projects during the school year, according to faculty sponsor Mrs. Virginia Levanas, school nurse.

Volunteers Honored for Chest Drive

Torrance volunteers were honored for their contributions to the Harbor area 1962-63 Community Chest campaign at the recent seventh annual installation and Awards Banquet at the Plush Horse Inn, Redondo Beach.

"It's satisfying," said Fred W. Mill, chairman, "to find that so many people in our harbor communities care for the future of health, welfare and youth services."

The Harbor area raised more than 100 per cent of its quota, and was awarded the Morrill trophy for leadership in organization.

More than a score of Torrance volunteers and firms were the recipients of special (Continued on Page 7)

Gales Blast City; Trees, Wires Felled

Winds ranging up to gale force at 50 miles per hour ripped through Torrance Monday uprooting trees and setting off burglar alarms. No major property damage was reported.

Persons who ventured out found April being heralded

in with eye-smarting blasts of dust. The wind brought death to one Torrance resident.

Drowned in the ocean off Huntington Beach was Sam Massari, 35, of 1533 W. Carson St. Massari and his wife had been fishing when their 15-foot outboard capsized in heavy waves. His wife, Martha, 34, swam to shore and was taken to a hospital for treatment of shock.

IN TORRANCE, a tree fell about 3 p.m. in front of the Elizabeth King home at 5248 Zakon Rd., and an hour later wires were reported loose from poles on Madrona Avenue adjacent to the railroad tracks between Carson Street and Torrance Boulevard.

Several trees were uprooted about 5:15 p.m. in front of the Leonard Miller home at 21919 Ocean Ave. A police patrol found a tree down in Torrance Park at Arlington Avenue and Santa Fe Street about 7:30 p.m.

Residents Would Pay \$1,800,000

Selection of the proposed Fox Hills site for the South Bay State College would cost Southwest students \$1,800,000 annually in increased transportation costs, as opposed to a central location, according to a recent Torrance Chamber of Commerce survey.

This figure is based on additional daily mileage, times 10 cents per mile, times 20 days per month, times 10 months per year. The total amount for Southwest residents is based on 10,000 vehicles.

Breakdown of individual city costs for prospective students was also detailed by the Torrance Chamber.

WEST PALOS VERDES: Fox Hills location, \$648; central location, \$416; difference, \$232. East Palos Verdes, San Pedro, and Wilmington: Fox Hills location, \$810; central location, \$497; difference, \$313.

Dominguez Carson: Fox Hills, \$600; central, \$304; difference, \$296.

Compton: Fox Hills, \$623; central, \$320; difference, \$303. Torrance: Fox Hills, \$472; central, \$224; difference, \$248. Redondo School District: Fox Hills, \$440; central, \$184; difference, \$256.

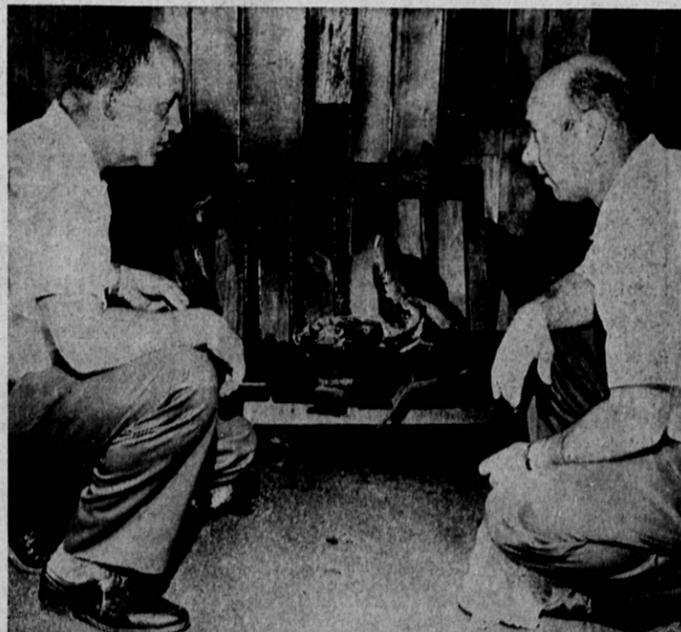
Centinela Valley: Fox Hills, \$256; central, \$88; difference, \$168.

El Segundo: Fox Hills, \$320; central, \$240; difference, \$80. Gardena: Fox Hills, \$440; central, \$80; difference, \$360.

Group Will Hear School Bond Facts

Facts on the coming school election will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at a meeting sponsored by the Ellinwood Property Owners Association in the cafeteria of the Newton school.

Speakers will include Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools who will address the audience on duties of the school board members and Dr. Lewis Kaplan, assistant superintendent, who will discuss the school bond issue. Lawrence Peffer, vice president of the homeowners group, will moderate the meeting.



INSPECT DAMAGE . . . Approximately \$8,000 damage was done yesterday morning by an arsonist who broke into Floyd's Construction Co. at 1745 Border Ave. and set about eight fires throughout the firm's building. Entry was gained by breaking the glass in the front door. Inspecting a fire damaged couch in a model living room are John Kamm, left, firm superintendent and co-owner, and Floyd Miller, owner. (Herald Photo)



AMBITIOUS YOUTHS . . . Officers in the Medical Club at Torrance High School prepare some 100 toys the club collected for children in the pediatrics ward at Harbor General Hospital. Preparing to deliver the toys are, left to right, Susan Wise, club secretary; Gretchen Staff, vice president, and Jim Cooper, president. (Herald Photo)

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